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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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SERIAL NO: 09/988,136 :  
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FOR: COST ESTIMATION METHOD, :  
COST ESTIMATION APPARATUS,  
PRODUCT MANUFACTURING  
ESTIMATION METHOD AND PRODUCT  
MANUFACTURING ESTIMATION  
APPARATUS

**AMENDMENT**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.